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To Whom It May Concern:

Each year, my office receives hundreds of requests for congressionally-directing funding from all over Georgia and all over the nation. Before I submit a request for consideration for federal funding by the House Committee on Appropriations, I ask the follow questions of each project:

1. Is this a proper expenditure of federal monies? Or should this project be funded through local, state, or grant money? Should a non-profit or private sector entity handle this project?
2. Is there widespread community support?
3. Is this project justifiable to people outside of Georgia?
4. Is this an efficient and effective way to solve the problem at hand?
5. Does this project stimulate economic growth and create jobs?
6. Does it promote safety and community welfare?
7. Federal government money is addictive. Is this a one-time expenditure or an annual maintenance cost? Has the organization asked for and received money in the past?
8. Has our office visited the project?
9. Is this project relying upon us to provide money for their operating budget? If so, the request will not be considered as no project should rely on federal funds to operate.

DEFENSE-SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS GUIDANCE

1. Does the Pentagon/agency support the project?
2. Will it give American forces superior systems?
3. Is it applicable in the GWOT? In Iraq? In Afghanistan?
4. How long will it take to get in the theater?
5. Does it improve the overall readiness of our forces?
6. Has a site visit been performed?
7. Will it help Moody, Kings-Bay, Ft Stewart, Hunter AAF or the Armed Services overall?

Of the hundreds of projects submitted, I submit a small fraction to the Committee for consideration. The following pages provide information on all requests received by my office. As we move through the legislative process, I hope to secure funding for the most meritorious of them.

Sincerely,


Jack Kingston
Member of Congress

To view a list of project requests I've received, visit: <http://kingston.house.gov/earmarkrequests>